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Two long-time Westland Department of Public Service (DPS) employees will be honored for their efforts in designing, building and restoring the holiday decorations.

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Township accuses business of blocking sewer

Don Howard
Staff Writer

"We've been caught in the political crossfire with Plymouth Township," said Dan Dalton, a land use attorney representing a Plymouth Township manufacturing company, following the regular meeting of the board of trustees last week.

Dalton and attorney Matthew Froberger were in attendance at the meeting representing VersaTrans, a manufacturer of screen printed transfers, when Plymouth Township Director of Public Services Patrick Felrath read a long list of allegations claiming violations of water pollution, meter rigging and plugging up the Western Township Utility Authority (WTUA) sewer system outside the VersaTrans facility.

> *It's not contaminating the environment.*
> *It's not dangerous.*
> *It's basically orange peel.*

VersaTrans, however, was given a clear report from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality stating that the company has officially been in compliance with state regulations since last January.

The state required only that VersaTrans apply for a discharge permit, which Dalton said the company has completed.

Dalton said he's perturbed after hearing the allegations from Felrath, but not surprised at the behavior of township officials.

"It was an odd situation, I don't know why it was on the agenda…I don't know why it was being discussed." Dalton said later. "Nothing related to Plymouth Township came out of it."

Trustee Bob Doroshewitz suggested during the discussion that township officials could be attempting to mitigate previous actions regarding VersaTrans.

In early August, VersaTrans officials publicly complained that Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards arbitrarily withheld a tax rebate check due the company. VersaTrans invested more than $150,000 to bring the Keel Street building up to building and safety codes and meet requirements

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Distinguished
Teens to vie for title, scholarships

Participants in the Distinguished Young Woman of Wayne Westland pageant this include, top photo, seniors Kelsie Wysong, Riana Hardyniec, Emily Dietz, Brooke Arcuragi, Crystal Pinard, Tirzah Ault and Alyssa Brown and, lower photo, juniors Elaena Wojtowicz, Nicole Duque, Kaitlyn Balko, Emma Diamond, Hannah Gottman and Antrunika Alonzo. Photos by Marvin Soleau

The life of one young area woman will change next week when she is named the Distinguished Young Woman of the Wayne Westland area in the annual pageant planned for Dec. 4.

Distinguished Young Women is a national scholarship program designed to help high school girls develop their full, individual potential through a fun, transformative experience, according to the organization website.

Formerly known as the Junior Miss event, this is the 49th event in Wayne Westland, the largest in the state with 11 young women participating this year, all vying to :"be their best self" the motto of the program.

Co-directors of the local program this year are Lauren Perry, who was the Wayne/Westland Junior Miss in 2005 and Jodi Berry.

"The Distinguished Young Women organization is one that continually inspires young women while providing them with opportunities to learn more about themselves and their local communities. This program is one that I am incredibly proud to be a part of, and I find it to have a positive impact on young ladies. One of our main goals is to provide an avenue for our participants to supplement their college experience via scholarship opportunities and to recognize their individual strengths and capabilities," Perry said.

The girls are judged in five categories: talent, poise, scholastic, interview and fitness and scholarships will be awarded to the top two scorers in each category.

Participants in the event this year include juniors: Elaena Wojtowicz, Nicole Duque, Kaitlyn Balko, Emma Diamond, Hannah Gottman and Antrunika Alonzo and seniors: Kelsie Wysong, Riana Hardyniec, Emily Dietz, Brooke Arcuragi, Crystal Pinard, Tirzah Ault and Alyssa Brown.

The event will take place at 7 p.m. Dec. 4 at Wayne Memorial High School, in the auditorium. Tickets are $12 at the door or $8 for students.

The local winner will go on to the state competition in Saline.

Jury finds former Inkster officer guilty in beating

Former Inkster Police Ofc. William Melendez was found guilty of two felonies and remanded to jail last Wednesday in Wayne County Circuit Court.

A jury of eight women and four men found Melendez guilty of misconduct in office, a five-year felony and assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, a 10-year felony. The charges stemmed from a traffic stop Jan. 28 in Inkster when patrol car video showed Melendez, 47, pulling Floyd Dent, 58, from his car, wrestling him to the ground and then striking him with his closed fist 16 times while restraining him in what appears to be a chokehold. Other Inkster officers are seen on the tape kicking Dent viciously and using a taser on him.

The video was released to the public by Dent's attorney Gregory Rohl and immediately gained national attention due to the ferocity and extent of the beating. Melendez was immediately fired by then Inkster City Manager Richard Marsh and the city subsequently reached an out-of-court settlement with Dent for $1,377,500.

> *The jury's verdict in this case is important because it shows that police brutality cannot and will not be tolerated.*

Prior to being hired in Inkster, Melendez was accused more than 12 times of using excessive force during his 20-year law enforcement career.

Judge Vonda Evans revoked Melendez' bail and remanded him to the custody of the Wayne County Jail despite arguments from his attorney, James Thomas, that he was not a flight risk.

According to Rohl, Dent has not yet returned to his job at Ford Motor Co. due to residual effects of the beating. While he is doing well physically, Rohl said, he suffers from Post Traumatic Stress, something Dent described on the stand. He was hospitalized for the injuries suffered in the beating, including a broken eye socket. He told jurors that he still suffers memory and hearing problems.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy issued a statement following the verdict noting, "The jury's verdict in this case is important because it shows that police brutality cannot and will not be tolerated."

Worthy's office dropped all charges, including cocaine possession, against Dent when her office was provided a copy of the patrol car videotape, something officers did not send with the original warrant request. Earlier, 22nd District Court Judge Sabrina Johnson dropped attempted escape charges against Dent when she viewed the tape. While Melendez and other officers claimed Dent was using cocaine and had the drug in his possession when he was arrested, no evidence of any drug use was found by the office

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BELLEVILLE

Van Buren teachers to receive bonus, raise

Teachers in the Van Buren Public Schools District will receive an early Christmas gift next week.

Members of the board of education unanimously approved a 2-percent bonus for the teachers, plus a half-step pay raise during the Nov. 16 meeting.

The bonus and raises will cost the district $749,468 and will be paid to the teachers on Dec. 4.

The half-step raise is in addition to the half-step increase approved June 3 as part of the teachers' union contract with the district. The raise will be retroactive from Aug. 28, according to district officials and will continue through the 2015-16 school year. The back pay owed to the teachers will be included on the scheduled Dec. 18 check.

Human Resources Director Shona Langford-Green told the board members that the district is still 2.6 percent down on the teachers' salary schedule.

Board member Sherry Frazier said that the board is honoring the promise made to the teachers that when funding was available, the pay cuts teachers accepted would be repaid.

> *We think it's the right thing to do.*
>
> **Superintendent of Schools Michael Van Tassel**

Superintendent of Schools Michael Van Tassel agreed, noting, "We think it's the right thing to do."

Green assured the board members that the bonus will not increase regular salaries.

The board members also approved amendments to the general fund of the district, including a loss in revenue of $166,188 for the cut in state foundation allowance. There were 22 fewer students enrolled at $7,554 each in state allowance, necessitating the amendment.

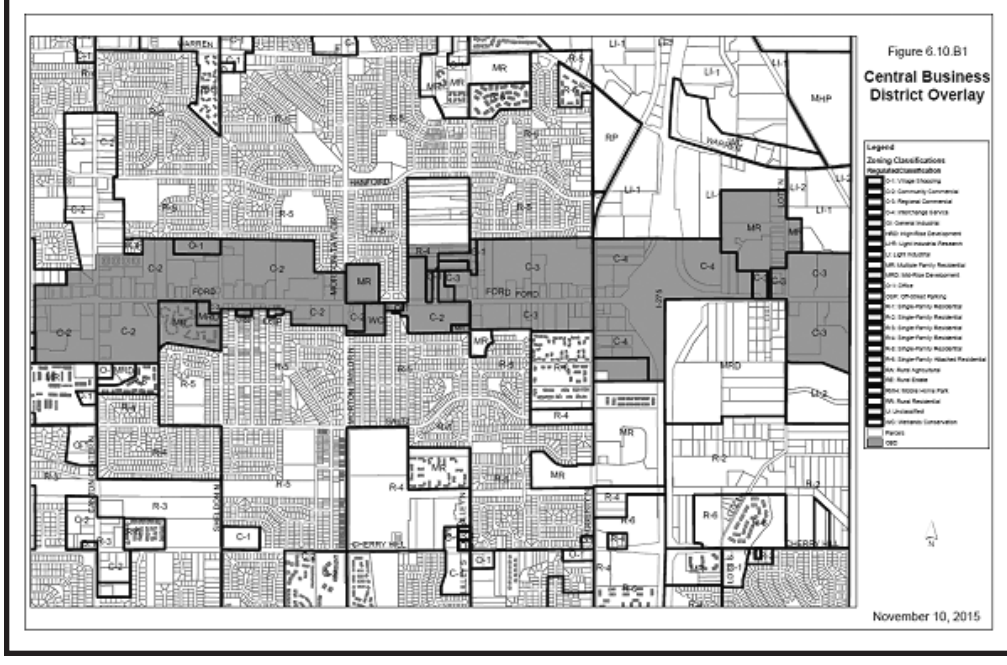
Adjustment for contract changes and wages were $617,000 and expenses remaining from the 2014-2015 budget included a $408,763 boiler, a $132,127 sound system at the high school and a claim from a warehouse fire which totaling $524,805.

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings – November 10, 2015

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor LaJoy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony, Bennett, LaJoy, Sneideman, Williams, Yack Members Absent: McLaughlin Staff Present: Director Bilbrey-Honsowetz, Director Faas, Director Mutchler, Director Trumbull, Kristin Kolb Staff Absent: Kristen Thomas **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Yack, supported by Anthony to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to approve the Board Minutes of October 27, 2015 as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **Citizen's Non-Agenda Item Comments:** George Miller, 1946 Briarfield, asked when he would receive the records he requested on the 16th and asked for a grievance form for Public Safety. Supervisor LaJoy agreed to check on these items for Mr. Miller. Mr. Miller asked if the township has a policy to not respond to repeated anonymous calls for ordinance complaints regarding grass clippings or barking dogs. Director Mutchler stated Canton responds to all complaints. Mr. Miller asked to consider changing the policy/ordinance. **Payment of Bills** Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **PUBLIC HEARING: PH-1: Public Hearing for Chipotle Mexican Grill, for a New Class C License with Sunday Sales Permit (AM & PM), Located at 42404 Ford Road, Canton, Michigan, 48187, Canton Township, Wayne County. (Clerk)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to open the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m. to consider the request for a new class C license to be located at 42404 Ford Road, Canton, Michigan, 48187, Canton Township, Wayne County, for Chipotle Mexican Grill. Motion carried by all members present. Trustee Yack asked if Chipotle owns the location. Mr. Fifarek representing Chipotle explained to the board they have a 10 year lease on the location with four 5-year options to renew. They expect to open in March/April in 2016. Trustee Sneideman asked what alcoholic beverages they would be serving. Fifarek replied Chipotle limits their menu to beer and margaritas, it would not be a full scale bar. Trustee Anthony asked if this was a franchise. Fifarek explained they are all company owned stores. Trustee Williams asked why the driveway has not been repaired. Director Faas explained the developer is moving slowly. Williams asked if there are any Public Safety issues. Faas replied they are all private issues between the property owner/developer and the tenants. Bob Parker, resident at 6806 Wethersfield Way, commented positively regarding Chipotle's addition to the community and was glad the parking lot would get repaired Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams close the Public Hearing at 7:12 p.m. to consider the request for a new class C license to be located at 42404 Ford Road, Canton, Michigan, 48187, Canton Township, Wayne County, for Chipotle Mexican Grill. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to approve the request for a new Class C License with Sunday Sales Permit (AM & PM)to be located at 42404 Ford Road, Canton, Michigan, 48187, Canton Township, Wayne County, for Chipotle Mexican Grill "above all others". Motion carried by all members present. **PH-2: Public Hearing and Adoption of Fiscal Year 2016 Budget. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to open the Public Hearing at 7:13 p.m. on the Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget. Motion carried by all members present. There were no public comments Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams close the Public Hearing at 7:16 p.m. on the Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to adopt the following resolution. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Adoption of Fiscal Year 2016 Budget WHEREAS,** Act 359 of 1947, The Charter Township Act, requires that the annual budget be adopted by resolution and; **WHEREAS,** pursuant to MCLA 141.412 and .413, notice of a public hearing on the proposed 2016 budget was published in a newspaper of general circulation on October 29, 2015 and a public hearing on the proposed budgets was held on November 10, 2015. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that estimated total revenues and expenditures for the 2016 fiscal year are hereby appropriated on a fund level basis. Totals by fund are as follows:

Fund #	Fund Description	2016 Proposed Budget
101	General Fund	25,090,139
206	Fire Fund	13,150,700
207	Police Fund	19,080,645
208	Community Center Fund	3,431,573
219	Street Lighting	344,171
230	Cable TV	1,746,500
246	Community Improvement	2,397,800
261	911 Service	773,465
266	WWN Forfeiture	437,000
274	CDBG	330,500
276	NSP	150,000
301	Energy Project Debt Service	353,760
403	Capital Projects - Roads	135,338
555	Solid Waste	3,871,055
584	Golf Course	3,875,689
592	Water and Sewer	38,719,920
661	Fleet Maintenance	1,972,585
736	Post-Employment Benefits	3,712,435
852	Special Assessment Debt Service	334,932

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Supervisor has the authority to approve budget adjustments within a department based upon recommendation by the appropriate Department Director and the Finance and Budget Director in accordance with adopted policies. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Charter Township of Canton Board adopts the 2016 budget for the various funds on a fund level. Township officials responsible for the expenditures authorized in the budget may expend Township funds up to, but not to exceed, the total appropriation authorized for each fund. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that there shall not be any new positions created that shall result in an increase in employee headcount within a department or division without prior Township Board approval. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Supervisor has the authority to fill existing vacant and budgeted positions and reclassified positions based upon the recommendation by the appropriate Department Director and the Finance and Budget Director. **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that claims against the Township shall be approved by the Charter Township of Canton Board prior to being paid. The Township Clerk and the Township Treasurer may authorize payment of certain claims prior to approval by the Township Board to avoid late penalties, service charges and interest, for example utilities and payroll, in accordance with approved salaries and hourly rates adopted by the Township Board. The Township Board shall receive a list of claims paid prior to approval for approval at the next Board meeting. **CONSENT CALENDAR: Item C-1. Consider 2016 Meeting Dates for the Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to establish the 2016 Canton Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage meeting schedule at 7:00 p.m. in the Lower Level Meeting Room E of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, quarterly on the designated Monday of the established months. Meeting Dates: February 8, 2016, May 9, 2016, August 8, 2016, and November 14, 2016. Motion carried by all members present. **Item C-2. Consider Second Reading for Amendments to Appendix A- Zoning of the Code of Ordinances Relative to the Boundaries of the Corporate Park and Central Business District Overlay Boundaries. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to remove from the table, adopt, and publish the second reading of an ordinance amending Sections 6.08 and 6.10 of Appendix A – Zoning of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton regarding boundaries of the Corporate Park and Central Business District Overlay Guidelines. Motion carried by all members present. **STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDINANCE NO. _____ AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A – ZONING, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, MICHIGAN, BY AMENDING ARTICLE 6.00 - SITE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS APPLICABLE TO SPECIFIC USES, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 6.08, SITE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR THE CORPORATE PARK OVERLAY DISTRICT; TO AMEND THE APPLICABLE AREA. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS: PART I. ARTICLE 6.00 – SITE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS APPLICABLE TO SPECIFIC USES * * * Sec. 6.08. – Site development standards for the corporate park overlay district.** A. [Unchanged.] *Applicable area.* The proposed Canton Corporate Park overlay district encompasses the area east of I-275, west of the township line, ~~south of the industrial zoning south of Warren Road,~~ and north of the ITC power lines, just north of Cherry Hill Road~~,~~ as illustrated in figure 6.08B.1. C. – G. [Unchanged.] * * * Corporate Park and CBD Overlay Zoning Change **Sec. 6.10. – Site Development Standards for the central business district overlay.** [Unchanged.] *Applicable area.* The proposed central business district overall encompasses the area east and west of I-275, as illustrated in Figure 6.10B.1. All parcels located within the central business district overlay are also located within the Canton Township Downtown Development District. Said properties are subject to the following regulations in this section, in addition to the regulations found in section 6.07, and other applicable regulations as stated in the Charter township of Canton Zoning Ordinance. – E. [Unchanged.] * * * **PART II. Severability.** Should any section, subdivision, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be invalid, the validity of the Ordinance as a whole, or in part, shall not be affected other than the part invalidated. **PART III. Savings Clause.** The amendment of the Canton Code of Ordinances set forth in this Ordinance does not affect or impair any act done, offense committed, or right accruing, accrued, or acquired, or liability, penalty, forfeiture or punishment, pending or incurred prior to the amendment of the Canton Code of Ordinances set forth in this Ordinance. **PART IV. Repealer.** All other Ordinances or part of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent to give this Ordinance full force and effect. **PART V. Publication.** The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause the ordinance to be published in the manner required by law. Corporate Park and CBD Overlay Zoning Change **PART VI. Effective Date.** A public hearing having been held hereon pursuant to the provisions of Section 103 of Act 110 of the Public Acts of 2006, as amended, the provisions of this Ordinance shall be published within fifteen (15) days of its adoption of publications of a notice in a newspaper circulated in Canton Township stating the date of enactment and effective date, a brief statement as to its regulatory effect and that a complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public purchase, use and inspection at the office of the Township Clerk during the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Local Time. The provision of this Ordinance shall become effective seven (7) days after its publication. **CERTIFICATION** The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular meeting called and held on the 10th day of November, 2015 and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law. Terry Bennett, Clerk Introduced: October 27, 2015 Adopted: November 10, 2015 Published: November 26, 2015 Effective: December 3, 2015 A zoning ordinance regulating the development and use of land has been adopted by the legislative body of the Charter Township of Canton. Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the Clerk's Office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI., 48188, during regular business hours. A complete copy of the Ordinances for Canton Township is available at www.canton-mi.org.



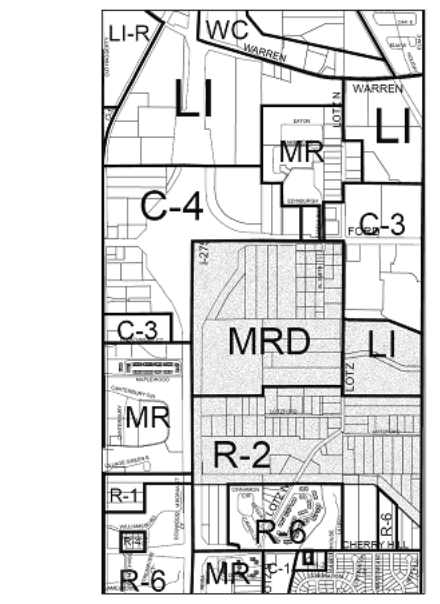


FIGURE 6.08.B.1
CANTON CORPORATE PARK OVERLAY

CREATED BY:
CANTON TWP. PLANNING SERVICES
1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD
CANTON, MI 48188
(734) 394-5170
November 10, 2015

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Item C-3. Consider Approval of 2016 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Dates. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to establish the Canton Township Zoning Board of Appeals meeting schedule for the year 2016 as follows: Second Thursday of each month: January 14, February 11, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. to be held at the Charter Township of Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Motion carried by all members present. **Item C-4. Consider Approval of 2016 Building Board of Appeals Meeting Dates. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to establish the Canton Township's Building Board of Appeal's meeting schedule for the year 2016. Meetings will be scheduled as needed and will be held at the Charter Township of Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Motion carried by all members present. **Item C-5. Consider Approval of 2016 Planning Commission Meeting Dates. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to set the 2016 Planning Commission Meeting schedule at 7:00 p.m. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road as follows: January 11, February 1, March 14, April 4, May 9, June 6, July 11, August 8, September 12, October 3, November 14, December 5. Motion carried by all members present. **Item C-6. Consider Reappointments of Edmond Robert and Ron Pennington to the Building Board of Appeals. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to reappoint Mr. Edmond Robert and Mr. Ron Pennington to the Building Board of Appeals (terms expiring 12/31/2017). Motion carried by all members present. **Item C-7. Consider Reappointments to the Planning Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to re-appoint Ms. Dawn Zuber to the Planning Commission, Mr. Craig Engel to the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals, Mr. Alan Okon to the Zoning Board of Appeals and Mr. Greg Demopoulos as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals (terms to expire December 31, 2018). Motion carried by all members present. **Item C-8. Consider Approval of Payment of Canton's Public Water Supply Annual Fee to the State of Michigan. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to authorize payment of Canton's Public Water Supply Annual Fee to the State of Michigan in the amount of $16,462.26. Motion carried by all members present. **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item G-1. Consider Approval of a Purchase Order Contract to Interstate Security Incorporated for the Installation of a Fire Alarm System in the Shared-Use Cold Storage Building at Public Works. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to award a purchase order contract for the installation of a fire alarm system in the Public Works Cold Storage building to Interstate Security Incorporated for $11,000, plus a contingency, for a total amount not-to-exceed $12,000.Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-2. Consider Approval of an Agreement with Wayne County to Provide Winter Maintenance on 5.90 Miles (10.12 Lane Miles) of County Roads. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to approve the agreement with Wayne County to provide additional winter maintenance for 5.90 miles (10.12 lane miles) of County local roads and authorize the payment of $13,337.15 from Account #101-447-03.801_0050 (Engineering ROW Maintenance - Professional & Contractual Services) and authorize the Township Clerk to sign the agreement resolution on behalf of Canton. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-3. Consider Approval of Contracts and Contract Amendments with Several Homeowner Associations to Provide Matching Funds for the Wayne County Township Roads Initiative. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to approve the contracts with the seven remaining Home Owners Associations to participate in the 2016 Wayne County Township Residential Road Initiative. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to approve contract amendments with seventeen Homeowner Associations to increase the funding amounts for their projects submitted under the 2016 Wayne County Township Residential Road Initiative. Motion carried by all members present.

Funding Summary List for 20 HOA Projects

Lottery Order	HOA Name	FY 2015 Awarded at Lottery	FY 2016 Awarded to remaining HOA projects	FY 2016 Additional Funds Request	Total HOA Project Cost
1	Forest Brook	$75,000		$15,000	$90,000
2	Meadow Brook	$200,000		$81,250	$281,250
3	Century Farms	$200,000		$0	$200,000
4	Oakvale / Stonegate	$200,000		$81,250	$281,250
5	Fairways West	$200,000		$106,250	$306,250
6	Willow Homes (Willowbrook Subs 1-3)	$50,000		$15,000	$65,000
7	Rowland Estates	$200,000		$0	$200,000
8	Canton Country Acres	$50,000		$12,500	$62,500
9	Huntington Place #1	$200,000		$84,375	$284,375
10	River Woods	$200,000		$30,000	$230,000
11	Salem Manor	$75,000		$0	$75,000
12	Royal Point	$53,070		$12,500	$65,570
13	Glengarry #1	$171,930	$28,070	$106,305	$306,305
14	Windsor Park		$100,000	$50,000	$150,000
15	Glengarry #2		$75,000	$75,000	$150,000
16	Glengarry #3		$50,000	$75,000	$125,000
17	Brookside #5		$200,000	$81,250	$281,250
18	Glengarry 4,5 &6		$50,000	$25,000	$75,000
19	Meadow Villages		$200,000	$106,250	$306,250
20	Sunflower		$140,000	$75,000	$215,000
		$1,875,000	$843,070	$1,031,930	$3,750,000

Item G-4. Consider Approval of Roofing Consultant Services for Summit on the Park. (CLS) Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to approve the following budget amendment: 246-750.970_0020 Capital Outlay Buildings & Improvements Reduce $18,500 246-750.801_0050 Professional & Contractual Services Increase $18,500. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to approve the proposal for roofing consulting services for the repair of the Summit Aquatic Center Roof by Roofing Consulting Associates, LTD, 38031 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, in the amount of $18,500 from Account # 246-750.801_0050 Community Improvement Fund CLS Administration Contracted Services. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-5. Approve IT Services – Emergency Server Purchase. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to approve the emergency purchase of Dell Computers server hardware in an amount not to exceed $5,968.76 for the purpose of re-establishing recordings of the Administration building security cameras. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-6. Consider Increase of Part-Time Wage Scale. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to approve the increase to the part-time/seasonal wage scale as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** None **OTHER:** Trustee Anthony wished the United State Marine Corps "Happy 240th Birthday". Trustee Yack commented the as the community continues to build out the large track areas of Canton, he would like the Planning Commission to be equipped to handle the smaller tracks. He would like to see a specific "Open Space Requirement" incorporated in The Subdivision Control Ordinance. Supervisor LaJoy stated he would not be seeking reelection for the office of Township Supervisor in 2016 – Although there will be a Press Release issued, he wanted to state his intentions to the board. Trustee Yack thanked Supervisor LaJoy for his commitment. Trustee Anthony also voiced his respect for LaJoy for his service. November 10, 2015, Canton, MI – After prolonged and thoughtful consideration, as well as discussion with family, friends and co-workers, Phil LaJoy has decided not to seek re-election as Supervisor to the Canton Township Board of Trustees in order to turn his sights on more personal time for himself and his family. LaJoy plans to keep busy after his term ends. "I don't have firm plans yet, but more golf will certainly be in the picture. I'll be around." Elected in 2008, LaJoy immediately faced budget challenges resulting from the economic downturn that began in 2007. Maintaining a vibrant community was the guiding force behind his decisions as Supervisor. Armed with the motto, "Let's Keep Canton Canton," he first focused efforts on economic development, determined to continue Canton's growth. He created a full-time economic development position, and worked to fill up vacant facilities and storefronts. LaJoy then instituted a multi-year budgeting process that allowed the organization to carefully project, plan and prioritize funds. It also showed potential shortfalls before they happened, and gave Canton the opportunity to make necessary adjustments in a very difficult economic time. Additionally, as part of the budget process, $1 million is now set aside annually to reduce retirement debt. Other internal changes early on in LaJoy's tenure included the creation of an in-house counsel position, as well as a change in the structure of the Human Resources office. He also implemented management training, and goal setting throughout the organization. One goal he still has his sights on is having all Canton Township departments accredited by the end of 2016. LaJoy, a 40-year Canton resident, was a member of the first Board of Directors of the Canton Soccer Club and started the Canton Cup Memorial Day Soccer Tournament. He was active in the Club until the mid-90's. Also during that time, he served on Canton's Merit Commission (1978-1989). LaJoy then went on to serve as a Canton Trustee from 1989-2002, where he began the Leadership Canton program. In 2003, he began the first of three terms as a State Representative. While in office, he began the Senior Summit that he continued as Canton Supervisor. Other notable achievements as State Representative include: establishing the Efficiency Commission and the Local Government Mandate Commission. It was LaJoy's connections and Lansing know-how that recently secured $5 million for the Lotz Road paving project. Throughout his career with Canton, LaJoy has been relentless in his efforts to improve the Ford Road/I-275 corridor. He spearheaded seven TIGER grant applications in the hopes of receiving federal dollars for a complete Ford Road overhaul. And although Canton did not receive the funding, LaJoy will not stop looking for a solution. As Supervisor, LaJoy also built on collaborations with Westland and Northville. Additionally, seeing the need for the Michigan Township Association (MTA) to focus on the special needs of the larger townships in the state, he worked with the MTA to establish the Big 10 Townships. That group has now grown to 20 member communities. Similarly, within the Conference of Western Wayne, LaJoy got the four largest communities together to form the Big 4 (Canton, Livonia, Dearborn and Westland). LaJoy also serves on many boards, including: MMRMA, MERS, CWW and SEMCOG. "I would like to thank all of the people in the community who gave me the opportunity to be Supervisor of Canton Township," says LaJoy. "I would also like to thank all of the township employees and Board members for their support and hard work over the years." As for the coming year, LaJoy says, "It's business as usual. There are a lot of things we're still working on and we have an opportunity to make Canton even better. We're going to have a great year." **ADJOURN:** Motion by Sneideman, supported by Williams to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. Motion carried by all members present.

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, 734-394-5120, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval. Published: November 25, 2015

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NORTHVILLE - PLYMOUTH

Governor welcomes chinese manufacturer to area

Don Howard
Staff Writer

A subsidiary of mega-giant Chinese manufacturing firm Cixing Group Corp. LTD, is moving the U.S. corporate headquarters from Tustin, CA to a Northville Township industrial park. The company is planning to construct a 50,000-square-foot building located on 5 acres-just off of Five Mile Road near Beck.

Last week while participating in a ground-breaking ceremony with company officials, Gov. Rick Snyder and Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix touted the potential benefits that will be created by the planned move of CW Bearing USA Inc.

Officials from the Chinese company, a sub-supplier of various automotive type bearings, said they chose Northville because of Detroit area manufacturing resources and the proximity of automotive decision makers. They chose the township site over competing sites in Toledo and Columbia, S.C. According to company officials, CW Bearing's $25.9 million investment will include a new headquarters, design center and manufacturing facility that could bring 125 new jobs to the area within the next 5 years.

Snyder, who reportedly traveled to China five times in the last year on trade missions to encourage Michigan development, thanked the Chinese delegation for having the confidence to come to Michigan.

"We're known for making the best products in America. Michiganders are the hardest workers. We can show that prosperity and peace can happen together. You're now my customer, I'm happy to have you here." Snyder announced.

CW Bearing, which currently employs 15 workers in Michigan, already has sales offices in St. Louis, MS, Midland, N.C. and a sales and service office in Novi. The company was awarded a $550,000 Michigan Business Development Program performance-based grant from the state and a 6-year tax abatement from Northville Township as an inducement to the move.

Local, county and state officials, including Gov. Rick Snyder, were on hand last week to celebrate the grand opening of a new $25.9 million manufacturing headquarters in Northville. Photo by Don Howard.

The initial construction at 15200 Technology Drive will house the CW Bearing sales and executive staff. The company has a second 5-acre parcel in same location where a manufacturing facility will be constructed. Officials said production parts would be ready by 2018. The target for construction completion is late 2016, for both parcels.

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck who participated in the ceremonial ground breaking said the CW Bearing move was a coordinated effort with General Motors and Tier 1 suppliers. "We're providing their manufacturing base," Colbeck said.

After the meeting, State Rep. Kurt Heise who has been active in the Five Mile Corridor development, said the move was a positive sign.

"Today's groundbreaking is another sign of Michigan's recovery and the fact that more international businesses are looking to settle in Northville and Plymouth Township," Heise said.

Northville Township Manager Chip Snider said he was pleased with the new development, which is outside the official Five Mile Corridor that starts west of Beck Road and runs through Salem Township.

Sewer

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to qualify for the Wayne County Land Bank TURBO rebate program. The final rebate check was not sent to the county by the Edwards' office, according to VersaTrans attorneys, who threatened legal action to redeem the rebate, estimated at $7,500.

Township Supervisor Shannon Price announced at the end of that month that the conflict between VersaTrans and Edwards was caused by the erroneous removal of VersaTrans from the TURBO program, "by someone in the offices at Wayne County." VersaTrans finally received the long-overdue tax rebate money from Wayne County at the end of October. Representatives from the Wayne County Treasurer's Office told VersaTrans they never received the funds from Plymouth Township that were earmarked for the rebate but later recanted, according to informed sources.

Dalton said his clients were taken aback when they received a warning letter at the end of September from township officials claiming VersaTrans is violating the township Sewer Use Ordinance. The cease and desist letter ordered the company to immediately stop and submit a corrective action plan and appear at a hearing. The letter, dated Sept. 28, was signed by Plymouth Township Attorney Kevin Bennett. The letter informed VersaTrans officials that the company would be liable for any expense, loss or damage and could face criminal prosecution if compliance was not made within 10 days.

Dalton said he immediately sent a response to Bennett seeking more information and subsequently left phone messages for the township attorney, all of which went unanswered.

Prior to the meeting last week, members of the board of trustees were provided 31 pages of detail regarding VersaTrans alleged violations with color photos of open sewers showing a blue substance at the bottom.

"It's not contaminating the environment. It's not dangerous," Dalton said of the substance. Doroshewitz questioned Felrath following his presentation regarding the alleged violations by VersaTrans.

"I'm not sure why this is on the agenda," Doroshewitz said. "It seems to be like building a case against somebody for some reason...?"

Price responded immediately, stating, "You have someone who's been very boisterous in the local media (and) we're being ripped about it..."

"I get it - that you're trying to defend yourself in the media...I'm just not sure..." Doroshewitz began, but was immediately interrupted by Price.

"I'm not defending myself Trustee Doroshewitz! I'm bringing out the issue that a company is illegally dumping in a sewer. I'm not defending myself in the press...it's primarily to educate our board members."

The operations employed at VersaTrans have similarities to screen printing where there is a rinse process. VersaTrans said that he material used is citrus based and is biodegradable. "It's basically orange peel," said Dalton.

Dalton said VersaTrans first learned of their discharge water clumping in October of 2014 and hired a company to remove and haul away the material and then purchased equipment that cleaned the discharge from their machinery.

"The only thing we (VersaTrans) were to do was apply for a waste water discharge permit by Dec. 14, and we're doing that," Dalton said.

It was unclear if the township board would request a show cause hearing, by either Western Township Utility Authority (WTUA) or YTUA, the two local environmental authorities. VersaTrans could be required to add machinery to mitigate the potential for blocking the sewer lines, a spokesman said.

"We want to comply with any issue concerning discharge. We don't know what issue the township has with respect to discharge. All we want to do is comply with Plymouth Township, WTUA and WCUA concerning discharge into the sanitary sewer," Dalton said.

Commission fills vacant term

Members of the Plymouth City Commission unanimously voted to appoint 32-year city resident Joseph Valenti to a vacant seat on the commission.

Valenti will complete the term of Diane Bogenrieder who resigned Nov. 2 as she was relocating out of the city. Valenti will serve until the term expires in November of 2017.

Valenti, who has served on the Downtown Development Authority, was not a candidate in the Nov. 3 election, a circumstance criticized by some audience members who felt the appointment should have gone to the fifth-place finisher in the election, Jack Wilson who garnered 366 votes.

Valenti was nominated by Mayor Dan Dwyer as prescribed by the city charter. Dwyer said that he "respectfully disagreed" with those who advocated the appointment of Wilson.

"Joe Valenti has served very well on the DDA board for years," said Dwyer. Valenti has a good record, disagrees with others on the board in a respectful way and has an extensive background in financial matters, the mayor said.

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In the spirit

The Wayne and Westland Rotary club members made donations to the Family Resource Center located at Adams Upper Elementary School recently. The center provides resources an support for all Wayne-Westland families. The clubs' combined donation exceeded $2,000 in new toiletries, hats, gloves, scarves and socks. These items will be distributed to needy Wayne-Westland Community School students and their families. Above, Amanda Dybus, Family Resource Center coordinator receives donations from Westland Rotarian Maria Mitter. Below, members of the Wayne Rotary Club present Dybus with much-needed supplies for needy Wayne-Westland families.

Driver charged in deaths

A 31-year-old Inkster woman has been criminally charged in the deaths of two motorcyclists she struck with her car on I-94 Nov. 7.

Chana Woods is facing two counts each of Operating a Motor Vehicle While Under the Influence Causing Death and two counts each of Driving With License Suspended. She was arraigned Nov. 10 in 24th District Court in Allen Park and remanded to custody on a $1 million cash or surety bond.

Police reports indicate that Woods was driving under the influence of drugs on I-94 near Oakwood Boulevard in Allen Park at about 2:35 p.m. Nov. 7. It is alleged she lost control of her vehicle and it struck and killed Marko Rubin, 48 of Macomb City and France Bowers, 49, of Southfield. The men were each riding on motorcycles at the time Woods' vehicle struck them, police said.

A probable cause hearing on the charges took place for Nov. 23 before Judge Richard Page and her preliminary court examination on the charges is set for Nov. 30 before Judge John Courtright.

Council OKs shared tower

The City of Wayne will use a tower located in Westland to read new municipal water meters being installed as part of a $2.4 million system being installed throughout the city.

Members of the city council approved the sharing of a cell tower located at Middlebelt and Annapolis roads in Westland for the transmittal of water meter readings from the new system. The new meters use a low radio frequency to record and report usage in a digital format. The data is transmitted to city hall where it is then translated into billing to water customers.

Installation of an antenna for readings at the tower is expected to cost $24,000, a fee Wayne and Westland will split. Annual maintenance costs were estimated at about $1,000 to $2,000 annually by Ramzi El-Gharib, director of the Wayne-Westland Department of Public Service.

Gharib told members of the Wayne City Council that the new systems are similar and that the tower would be used to read the meters in the southern part of the city. The new $2.5 million water meter system in Wayne includes new meters at all Wayne homes and businesses. The system is being installed by Etna Supply, the same contractor installing the $10 million system in Westland.

The 20-year agreement to share the tower antenna will expire at the same time as the 20-year accuracy warranty on the new meters and system.

Westland honors 2 employees

Two long-time Westland Department of Public Service (DPS) employees will be recognized at the Dec. 7 city council meeting for their efforts in designing, building and restoring the city holiday decorations.

Ian Smith, an 18-year Westland DPS employee, and Tom Sharp, who has been employed with Westland DPS for 17 years, saved the city more than $1,000 by designing and building a new manger to display at Westland City Hall during the holiday season. The two purchased all of the materials and completed the work for less than $250. They also refurbished the Santa display which saved the city another $1,500.

"We are very appreciative that Ian and Tom took the time and effort to complete this project," commented Mayor William Wild. "These two are very talented and dedicated employees and they deserve recognition for their efforts on this special project."

The nativity scene, refurbished Santa and the rest of the city holiday decorations can be seen on display in front of Westland City Hall, located at 36300 Warren Road.

Trial

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of the Wayne County Medical Examiner where his hospital records were reviewed. Rohl maintained that Melendez planted a small amount of cocaine in Dent's car and that Melendez can be seen on the videotape taking what could be drugs from his own person and placing them in Dent's car, but those charges never went to the jury.

The jurors deliberated for about five hours after 11 days of testimony. They found Melendez not guilty of a charge of assault by strangulation.

Evans is scheduled to sentence Melendez Dec. 3.

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1. Obituaries

Marilynn Joanne Gardner died at her Plymouth home surrounded by her loving family Nov. 17.

Mrs. Gardner was born Feb. 20, 1935 in Lucas County Ohio, the daughter of Wesley and Mildred Willett. Her father was the co-owner of Associated Newspapers and the family lived in Canton Township for many years. Mrs. Gardner was widowed by the death by her first husband, Alan Lawrence, the father of her six daughters. She was also preceded in death by her parents; her second husband, Wes Gardner; a brother, Ronald Willett; two grandchildren and a great-grandchild. She is survived by a sister, Barbara Larkin of Kalamazoo; a brother, David Willett of Plymouth and her daughters and sons-in law, including Lynn (Paul) Simcheck of South Lyon; Cynthia Reed of Blissfield; Nancy Sparks of Westland, Leslie Nye of Plymouth who was her longtime primary caregiver; Janice Bick of Berkley and Julie Menzel of Canton Township; 15 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; a host of other relatives and many friends. Final rites were accorded by Generations Cremation Service of Farmington Hills. A private service for the family is planned for 2 p.m. Dec. 12 at the Plymouth Kingdom Hall.

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Center seeks to help parents, children with ADHD

When parents of children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, or ADHD look for help for their children, Shannon Litogot understands only too well.

Litogot, of Romulus, is part of a school-based program that helps students with special needs, some of whom have been diagnosed with ADHD. Litogot has faced many of the same issues with her teenage daughter who has ADHD.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, about 6 million children have been diagnosed since 2011 and the numbers are on the rise. Though more likely to be found in boys, ADHD is also being detected more and more often in girls.

ADHD is a common and very real medical condition that impacts numerous children with displays of hyperactivity, inattention and impulsiveness. These symptoms often take a toll on a child's social and emotional life, and leave parents looking for ways to make things easier both in and out of school.

Amanda Lawson, a nurse practitioner at the Beaumont Center for Exceptional Families, says there are a lot of popular misconceptions about ADHD.

"It is a very real, very common disorder that affects children in different ways and in different areas of their lives," Lawson said.

She recommends establishing routines and breaking down tasks into smaller steps in order to help children establish healthy and effective habits that could have a positive, long-term impact on their overall health. "It takes about 30 days to build a habit, but only one day to break it," she added. Litogot's 14-year-old daughter has been working with her parents and teachers to find strategies for the classroom and at home. For example, she and her mom made a supply box to help her at school and they've also tweaked their routine at home in order to provide a quiet, distraction free environment to help improve her study habits. While these tactics are easy to incorporate into a regular day, Litogot says the most effective tactic is asking her daughter her opinion about what would best help in school.

"Listen to your kid," she said. "Listen to what they say and learn about what they find to be hard and what they think might help. They usually have a lot of great ideas about what works for and motivates them." In her work with parents, Lawson emphasizes the importance of a positive environment and encourages parents to make a list of their child's strengths and challenges. Parents should reach out to their child's school or physician to discuss concerns and available treatment options.

Shannon Litogot, right, and her daughter discuss some strategies to help in coping with the effects of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

"There are many positive traits commonly associated with ADHD. Recognize why your kid's great and help them where they need help but love them for who they are."

For more information about the Center for Exceptional Families, visit www.oakwood.org/cef.

Joining forces

Canton Public Safety Director Todd L. Mutchler has been sworn-in as the new president of the Wayne County Chiefs of Police Association. The new board pledged their oaths of office last week, administered by 35th District Court Chief Judge James A. Plakas. Wayne County Chiefs of Police Association is a non-profit organization made up of law enforcement administrators with the common goal of improving the delivery of law enforcement services in the communities in which they serve. The organization engages in educating its members, empowering them to address local and regional issues including trending community concerns, laws and legislation. The new board of directors includes, from left, Flat Rock Police Chief John Leader, Livonia Police Chief Curtis Caid, Grosse Pointe Farms Police Chief Daniel Jansen and Mutchler taking their oaths before Plakas.

Tree Lighting set in Canton

The annual Canton Tree Lighting event is planned from 6-8:30 p.m. Dec. 2 outside the Summit on the Park. After Santa lights the tree there will be performances from Dancing Feet, Spotlight on Youth, and others inside the Summit. Joining Santa this year will be Frosty the Snowman, a Winter Marketplace, cookie decorating, holiday games and more. Unique gifts and great stocking stuffers will be available at the Winter Marketplace. Tickets, for sale at the door, are priced at $3 per child for residents, $4 per child for non-residents. For more information, call (734) 304-5460.

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Charter Township of Plymouth
Notice of Budget Public Hearing
December 15, 2015

The Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for the fiscal year of 2016 on December 15, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Charter Township of Plymouth offices located at 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the above address in the Clerk's Office week days from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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WAYNE COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER
FISHER & LENGE DRAIN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TO ABANDON AND VACATE A PORTION OF THE FISHER & LENGE DRAIN

DATE: December 8, 2015

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION: 400 Monroe Street, Suite 400, Detroit, Michigan 48226

QUESTIONS: (313) 224-3620

A public meeting will be held at the above date, time and location pursuant to Section 391 of Public Act 40 of 1956, as amended, for the purpose of hearing objections and determining whether the portion of the Fisher & Lenge Drain to be abandoned and vacated has ceased to be of public utility and is no longer necessary or conducive to the public health, convenience, or welfare.
The portion of the Fisher & Lenge Drain to be abandoned and vacated is described as follows:

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If the Drain Commissioner determines that the portion of the Drain has ceased to be of public utility and is no longer necessary or conducive to the public health, convenience or welfare and that the private rights of persons, acquired by reason of the establishment and construction of the portion of the Drain will not be interfered with or impaired by the abandonment and vacating of the portion of the Drain, the portion of the Drain will be ordered abandoned and vacated.

Proceedings conducted at this public meeting will be subject to the provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. Information regarding this meeting may be obtained from the Wayne County Drain Commissioner's Office located at 400 Monroe Street, Suite 400, Detroit, Michigan, 48226.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Drain Commissioner at the number listed above or through the Michigan Relay Center at 7-1-1 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

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Calendar of events

Letters to Santa accepted

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Tony Sacco's aids United Way

Tony Sacco's of Canton and Plymouth Community United Way are partnering to collect warm winter wear and blankets to help keep the homeless a bit warmer. Tony Sacco's will be giving away $5 gift certificates for hats, gloves, scarves, and socks, while $10 gift certificates will be given for new coats and blankets that are donated. All items donated must be new. Gift certificates are valid for next visit.

Tony Sacco's will also donate 20 percent of each patron's bill to Plymouth Community United Way. Mention Plymouth Community United Way, or print a flyer for the Wednesday, Dec. 2 event at www.plymouthunitedway.org.

For more information, call Randi Williams at (734) 453-6879, ext. 7 or e-mail randi.williams@pcuw.org.

Holiday help available

The Belleville GoodFellows will be accepting applications for Belleville and Van Buren Township residents until Dec. 4. Applications will be available at the Van Buren Township Hall.

The Goodfellows provide Christmas gifts for newborns - up to age 15 and food for seniors. For more information on ways to help the Goodfellows, contact Pam Fleming at (734) 699-8930.

The First United Methodist Church will be distributing Christmas food bags Dec. 15-17. To make a donation of non-perishable food, contact the church at (734) 697-9288.

Applications for Christmas help will be accepted Dec. 1 - 4. For Christmas, The Salvation Army will distribute gifts for newborn through seniors in high school including food, food for both seniors and singles and couples without children. Proof of residency, identification and proof of income for the household will be required.

To donate food, new clothing and/or new toys, call (734) 453-5464.

Lists are reviewed to ensure that as many families as possible receive assistance, a spokesperson noted. For more information, call the number listed above.

Red Ryder Christmas on display

The Plymouth Historical Museum is showcasing a new exhibit, "A Red Ryder Christmas Story." The exhibit draws its inspiration from the popular 1980s movie, A Christmas Story, in which the main character, Ralphie, longs for a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas.

The exhibit includes period toys, clothing, and other artifacts. Visitors familiar with the movie will get a chuckle from the vignettes showing the Parker's living room, complete with "FRA-GEE-LAY" lamp; Flick getting his tongue stuck on a metal pole; the window at Higbee's Department Store and other memorable moments.

Each Saturday, from Nov. 28 until Dec. 19, Santa Claus has promised to be present for visiting children. The museum is open 1-4 p.m. on Saturdays, as well as Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays. Santa has also agreed to be available from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5, during the Annual Open House, Craft Show and Bake Sale at the museum.

The museum is located at 155 S Main St. in downtown Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 455-8940.

ArtWear DETROIT in Northville

The Northville Art House will feature the ArtWear DETROIT Trunk Show from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. this Saturday, Nov. 28, Small Business Saturday.

The works are by Michigan artists from the Detroit Urban Design Studio and include original wearable art handbags, clothing and accessories.

Also exhibiting in the upper gallery through Dec. 12 is the All Media Small Works exhibit featuring 120 works of art limited to 12x12-inches by artists throughout Michigan and several other states.

The Northville Art House is located at 215 W. Cady St. in downtown Northville, one block south of Main Street and two blocks west of Center Street. For further information visit www.northvilleart-house.org or call (248) 344-0497.

Teddy Bear Toss set

USA Hockey and Plymouth Community United Way are partnering for the annual Teddy Bear Toss at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5. Simply bring a new stuffed animal, or buy a teddy bear at the game for just $5, to throw on the ice after the National Team Development Program's first goal. All proceeds and stuffed animals go to Plymouth Community United Way.

Show your stuffed animal at the game and receive a raffle ticket to win a suite for a future 2015-16 NTDP home game. The prize includes 20 suite tickets and $150 food voucher.

Teddy bears will be available for purchase at the game, but bringing new stuffed bears is encouraged. To purchase tickets call the USA Hockey Arena box office at (734) 453-8400 or online at usa-hockeyntdp.com.

USA Hockey Arena is located at 14900 Beck Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

For more information, call Randi Williams at (734) 453-6879, ext. 7 or e-mail randi.williams@pcuw.org.

Hats For Homeless needed

The Plymouth Community United Way is sponsoring a Hats For The Homeless drive through Dec. 18.

Donors are asked to drop off new hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, blankets, and socks at Plymouth Community United Way, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2, Plymouth, during business hours 7:45 a.m. until 4:30 Monday - Thursday and from 7:45 a.m. until 2:45 Friday. All adult and children sizes are welcome.

For more information, call Randi Williams at (734) 453-6879, ext. 7 or e-mail randi.williams@pcuw.org.

Kalamazoo on stage

Tipping Point Theatre will present Kalamazoo by Michelle Kholos Brooks and Kelly Younger through Dec. 20 with a special News Year's Eve performance.

Kalamazoo curtain time is 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, with matinees at 3 p.m. on Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. A special matinee performance has been added at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9.

On New Year's Eve, the performance of Kalamazoo will include an afterglow provided by Rocky's of Northville, and a toast to the New Year with beer, wine, and champagne. Tickets: $85 ($40 tax deductible) and $45 for SeasonPASS Ticket holders ($40 tax deductible)

The theater is located at 361. E. Cady St. in Northville. Tickets are $30 to $33 for adults, $28 to $31 for students and senior citizens. For tickets or more information call the box office at (248) 347-0003.

Simply Dickens at museum

The Plymouth Historical Museum will present the popular Simply Dickens Christmas Show for the fifth year at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9.

The show highlights the carols that were well known long ago during the Christmas season but are rarely heard by modern ears, along with a few of the more familiar tunes. There are also comedic holiday skits performed by group members.

Simply Dickens is a period-dressed quartet of trained vocalists and musicians that specializes in the music of the 18th and 19th centuries.

Tickets to the show are $10 in advance and $15 at the door. Museum doors will open at 6 p.m. Visitors can also tour the special museum exhibit A Red Ryder Christmas Story.

The museum is located at 155 S Main St. in downtown Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 455-8940.

Blankets are needed

Plymouth Community United Way is holding a Blanket Drive in support of the homeless community through Jan. 15, 2016.

Blankets must be new, or handmade, and can be dropped at the Plymouth Community United Way office. The address is 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2, Plymouth, MI 48170.

For more information, call Randi Williams at (734) 453-6879, ext. 7 or e-mail randi.williams@pcuw.org.

Story time for families set

The Belleville Are District Library hosts Family Storytime at 6:30 p.m. through Dec. 14.

The storytime is for children in preschool through elementary classes, ages 4 through 10.

Toddler Time storytimes take place at 11 a.m. on Tuesdays through Dec. 15 and at 11 a.m. Thursday mornings through Dec. 17.

This program is designed for children ages 2 through 4.

Registration is available at the library circulation desk. The library is located at 167 Fourth St. in Belleville.

The library will host Santo from 6:30 until 8 p.m. Dec. 21.

Spectacular tickets on sale

The Central City Christmas Spectacular will celebrate the magic of Christmas like never before with an all-new, unforgettable experience as Santa Claus, Mrs.C, and Ellie take center stage with a large cast of performers from throughout the area.

Audiences will get a sneak peek at what really happens in the North Pole as Santa and his elves prepare for the big day.

There will be twirling ballerinas, dancing Toy Soldiers and a sleigh ride around the world with Santa and his magical reindeer.

Seven performances are planned at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, in Canton, at 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Dec. 14 and 15,at 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16 and at noon and 4 p.m. on Sunday Dec. 17 through Dec. 20. Tickets are $23 and are on sale at Central City Dance Center, 6700 Canton Center Road, Canton. Tickets are reserved seating and cannot be purchased the day of the show.

For more information, visit Central City Dance at www.centralcitydance.com,or call(734) 459-0400.

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